

DETAILED ACTION
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Pamela Riley on March 14, 2007.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

I. In claim 1, line 9, delete "and".

II. In claim 1, line ³⁰~~18~~, insert -- ; and, --, after "variables". T.J. 4/18/07

III. In claim 1, line ³¹~~19~~, insert -- optimizing said positions and length of said edges of said device shapes in said integrated circuit design to reduce critical area contribution cost in a first direction across said integrated circuit design to produce a revised integrated circuit. --. T.J. 4/18/07

IV. In claim 24, line 10, delete "and".

V. In claim 24, line ³²~~19~~, insert -- ; and, --, after "variables". T.J. 4/18/07

VI. In claim 24, line ³³~~20~~, insert -- optimizing said positions and length of said edges of said device shapes in said integrated circuit design to reduce critical area contribution cost in a first direction across said integrated circuit design to produce a revised integrated circuit. --. T.J. 4/18/07

VII. In the specification, pg. 1, paragraph [0001], replace "10/_____" with -- 10/709,293 --.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stacy A. Whitmore whose telephone number is (571) 272-1685. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, alternate Friday 6:30am - 4:00 pm.